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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Joint Topographical Subcommittee

SUBJECT: JANIS Priority list

REFERENCE: JTS 65/5 JTS 65/1 JIC 306/16

1. Priority list contained in Appendix "A" of JIC 306/16 and JTS 65/5 includes JANIS 45, Bear and Jan Mayen Islands and JANIS 46, SPITZBERGEN ARCHIPELAGO as future areas. These areas were contained in the original priority list (JTS 65/1) as partial JANIS. Partial JANIS are impractical from a production standpoint because the omitted chapters are those for which there is no present production problem, however, if the chapters are not prepared now it will be most difficult to fit them into a future schedule and the JANIS will probably never be completed.

2. It is suggested that these areas might be combined with other lands surrounding the Arctic Ocean to constitute a JANIS on the North Polar area.

3. Additional areas, not included in present priority list, that would be covered by the proposed study are: Novaya Zemlya, Fridtjof Hansen Land (Zemlya Frantseva-Iosifa), Severnaya Zemlya, Novo-Sibirskye Ostrova Ostrov Vrangelya (Wrangel Island), and north coast of Alaska and Norway. In addition, it might be desirable to overlap [REDACTED]

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